To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1797 without my signature.

I vetoed a substantially similar measure last year. Like the previous measure, this bill would undermine the local collective-bargaining process and establish a precedent for other bargaining units or employers to come to the Legislature to settle their differences instead of following the process set forth in law requiring negotiations between parties.

In addition, mandating that the court convert limited-term employees to regular employees would create an unfunded liability for the Los Angeles County Superior Court which could be detrimental to the operations of the court in other areas.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger